

## THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Waterloo Schools, as a public educational agency, belongs to the people in accordance with the United States Constitution and statutes of our State. The people exercise their proprietorship through the elective process. They elect state and federal representatives who establish, through the legislature and Congress, the framework of law within which the schools operate. And, the people elect a school board to represent them and to determine local educational plans, goals, and objectives.

The Board of Education recognizes the right of the people to information concerning board actions, policies, and details of the District's educational and business operations. The Board encourages study, discussion, and active participation by all concerned in the promotion of the best possible educational programming.

While the Board of Education encourages active participation of the public in District operations, the Board, as the official governing body, is responsible for final decisions on all matters of policy and educational programs.

Legal Ref.: United States Constitution  
Iowa Code § 279.8 (2013).

Cross Ref.: 208.0 Board Committees  
211.0 Public Participation in Meetings of the Board of Education  
701.4 Budget Planning  
900.1 School and Community Relations  
900.7 Volunteer Services

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